

Enrollment Preferences Task Force Minutes: Meeting #6
Monday, June 23, 2014
6:30 pm- Buena Vista Conference Center

Task Force members present:

- Representative Kim Williams, Delaware House of Representatives, Co-Chair
- Senator Nicole Poore, Delaware State Senate, Co-Chair
- Secretary Mark Murphy, Delaware Department of Education
- Frederika Jenner, Delaware State Education Association
- Dr. Mervin Daugherty, New Castle County Superintendent
- Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Kent County Superintendent
- Yvonne Johnson, Delaware Parent Teacher Association
- Chuck Taylor, Charter School Network
- Dr. Victoria Gehrt, Superintendent from New Castle County Vo-Tech
- Dr. Deborah Zych, Superintendent from Polytech
- Dr. Allen Lathbury, Superintendent from Sussex Tech
- Mark Pruitt, Magnet School Representative
- Diane Ruth, Charter School Representative
- Dr. Terri Hodges, Parent Representative
- Catherine Hegedus, Parent Representative

Staff present:

- Fran Fletcher, University of Delaware
- Mark Brainard Jr., Delaware House of Representatives

Members Absent:

- Representative Darryl Scott, Delaware House of Representatives
- Senator David Sokola, Delaware State Senate
- Randall Hughes, Delaware State Board of Education (Donna Johnson attended)
- Terri Hancharick, Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens
- Susan Francis, Delaware School Board Association
- Lindsay O'Mara, Governor's Office
- Dr. Matthew Donovan, Delaware Association of School Administrators
- Dr. David Ring Superintendent from Sussex County
- Donald Mell, Charter School Representative
- Julie Rumschlag, Magnet School Representative
- Gary Stockbridge, Delaware Business Roundtable
- Elizabeth Lockman, Parent Representative

Public attendees:

- Donna Johnson, Delaware State Board of Education
 - Kristin Dwyer, DSEA
 - Michael Oboryshko, Community Member
 - Henry Clampitt, Community Member
 - Ron Russo, Community Member
 - Bill Doolittle, Community Member
 - Kathy Demarest, NCC Vo-Tech
 - Lynne Howard, Community Member
 - Rayl Avey, Community Member
 - Kendra Brown, Community Member
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Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Introduction

Rep. Kim Williams, co-chair, asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the fifth meeting. The motion is made by Yvonne Johnson, seconded by Dr. Gehrt, and unanimously adopted by the task force. Representative Williams then turned the meeting over to Fran Fletcher of the University of Delaware who facilitated the rest of the meeting.

2. Action Items and Task Force Votes

Fran Fletcher instructed the task force to open the document to the section labeled "C: Other Pre-Admission Requirements." Items C3, C4, and C5 concerning student assessment were put on hold for further discussion at the next meeting. Similarly, items C6, C7, C8, and C9 were also put on hold for additional discussion at the next meeting. A vote was taken to include items D1, D2, D3, D4, and D5 on enrollment forms only. The vote was approved with 13 Yes votes, 0 No votes, and 2 not voting. A vote was taken to include item E1 on a supplemental application. The vote was approved with 12 Yes and 2 No votes. A vote was taken to include item E2 on an enrollment form only. The vote failed with 5 Yes and 9 No votes. A second vote was taken to include item E2 on a supplemental application. The vote was approved with 10 Yes and 4 No votes. A vote was taken to include items F1, F2, F3 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 15 Yes and 0 No votes. A vote was taken to include item G1 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 15 Yes and 0 No votes. A vote was taken to include item G2 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 13 Yes votes, 0 No votes, and 2 not voting. Items G3, G4, and G5 were put on hold for further discussion at the next meeting. A vote was taken to include item G6 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 15 Yes and 0 No votes. Item G7 was put on hold for further discussion. A vote was taken to include item G8 on an enrollment form only. The vote failed with 1 Yes vote, 11 No votes, and 3 not voting. Item G8 was then put on hold for further discussion. Item G9 was put on hold for further discussion. A vote was taken to include item G10 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 15 Yes and 0 No votes. The motion was made to remove section H from consideration due to it being outside the scope of the task force's mission. The motion was approved with 14 Yes and 0 No votes. A vote was taken to include item I1 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 15 Yes and 0 No votes. A vote was taken to include items J1, J2, J3, and J4 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 15 Yes and 0 No votes. A vote was taken to include item K1 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 14 Yes and 0 No votes. A vote was taken to include item K2 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 15 Yes and 0 No votes. A vote was taken to include item L1 on an enrollment form only. The vote was approved with 15 Yes and 0 No votes. A vote was taken to include items M1, M3, M4, and M6 at registration as required by law. The vote was approved with 15 Yes and 0 No votes. Items M2 and M5 were put on hold for further discussion.

Voting will continue at the next meeting.

****Note: A digital copy of the document can be found on***

<http://legis.delaware.gov/LIS/TaskForces.nsf/113411bdd5de74d385257b3b005e343c/49b267f532b422d185257b6c0061a658?OpenDocument>

4. Public Comment- The views and opinions expressed in this section are those of the individual speakers.

Bill Doolittle elaborated on the letter he submitted last meeting from the US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. He expressed that, under the definition of disability as defined in the letter, using academic achievement such as admission tests and grades or ability measures of any kind, or behaviors

or discipline or any other item might be impacted by their disability as admission criteria, is discriminatory. He hopes to see the state of Delaware get ahead of the issue and ensure equal access to public education for all children.

Ron Russo discussed the special programming geared to exceptional children in some of Delaware's public schools as outlined in the Delaware Code. He pointed to the Sterks School as a successful example of these programs.

5. Next Steps

Next meeting: To be determined

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.